

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S453–S530.

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2478–2484, and S. Res. 353–356. **Pages S486–87**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 757, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 1493, to protect and preserve international cultural property at risk due to political instability, armed conflict, or natural or other disasters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1882, to support the sustainable recovery and rebuilding of Nepal following the recent, devastating earthquakes near Kathmandu, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2426, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization. **Page S486**

Measures Passed:

West Lake Landfill: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 2306, to require the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake remediation oversight of the West Lake Landfill located in Bridgeton, Missouri, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S529–30**

National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2016, as “National Stalking Awareness Month”. **Pages S488–89, S530**

Congratulating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Volleyball Champions: Senate agreed to S. Res. 354, congratulating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln volleyball team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Volleyball Championship. **Pages S489, S530**

National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 355, designating the week beginning February 7, 2016, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”. **Pages S489, S530**

National Mentoring Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 356, recognizing January 2016 as National Mentoring Month. **Pages S489–90, S530**

Measures Considered:

Energy Policy Modernization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S460–484**
Adopted:

Rounds Modified Amendment No. 3182 (to Amendment No. 2953), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a conservation incentives landowner education program. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Pages S471–72**

Durbin/Alexander Amendment No. 3095 (to Amendment No. 2953), to increase funding for the Office of Science of the Department of Energy. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the requirement of a 60 affirmative vote threshold, be vitiated.) **Page S475**

Murkowski (for Hirono) Amendment No. 3064 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to the energy workforce pilot grant program. **Page S482**

Murkowski (for Hirono) Modified Amendment No. 3065 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to the energy workforce pilot grant program. **Pages S482–83**

Murkowski (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 3179 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify the areas of focus under the grid storage program. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Carper/Inhofe) Amendment No. 3145 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide that for purposes of the Federal purchase requirement, renewable energy includes thermal energy. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Heitkamp) Amendment No. 3174 (to Amendment No. 2953), to affirm a Federal commitment to carbon capture utilization and storage research, development, and implementation and to study the costs and benefits of contracting authority for price stabilization. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Collins) Modified Amendment No. 3140 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require certain Federal agencies to establish consistent policies relating to forest biomass energy to help address the energy needs of the United States. **Pages S482, S483, S484**

Murkowski (for Baldwin) Amendment No. 3156 (to Amendment No. 2953), to strike a repeal under a provision relating to manufacturing energy efficiency. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Carper/Inhofe) Amendment No. 3143 (to Amendment No. 2953), to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program. **Pages S482, S483**

Murkowski (for Boxer/Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 3194 (to Amendment No. 2953), to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a task force to analyze and assess the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak. **Pages S482, S483–84**

Murkowski (for Inhofe/King) Amendment No. 3205 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for the use of geomatic data in consideration of applications for Federal authorization. **Pages S482, S484**

Murkowski (for Booker) Amendment No. 3160 (to Amendment No. 2953), to strike a provision relating to identifying and characterizing methane hydrate resources using remote sensing and seismic data in the Atlantic Ocean Basin. **Pages S482, S484**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 10), Lee Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify the authority of the President of the United States to declare national monuments. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 1, 2016, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S468–71**

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 11), Franken Amendment No. 3115 (to Amendment No. 2953), to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers. (Pursuant to the order of Monday, February 1, 2016, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Page S471**

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 12), Barrasso Amendment No. 3030 (to Amendment No. 2953), to establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S472–73**

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 13), Sullivan Amendment No. 2996 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require each agency to repeal or amend 1 or more rules before issuing or amending a rule. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S473–74**

By 45 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 14), Schatz/Whitehouse Amendment No. 3176 (to Amendment No. 2953), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out tax preferences for fossil fuels on the same schedule as the phase out of the tax credits for wind facilitates. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S474–75**

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 15), Whitehouse Amendment No. 3125 (to Amendment No. 2953), to require campaign finance disclosures for certain persons benefitting from fossil fuel activities. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) **Pages S475–77**

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S460**

Murkowski (for Cassidy/Markey) Amendment No. 2954 (to Amendment No. 2953), to provide for certain increases in, and limitations on, the drawdown and sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Page S460**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2963 (to Amendment No. 2953), to modify a provision relating to bulk-power system reliability impact statements. **Pages S460, S482**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Murkowski Amendment No. 2953 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 4, 2016. **Page S530**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Murkowski Amendment No. 2953. **Page S477**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 3, 2016; and that the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments to Murkowski Amendment No. 2953, and the bill, be at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. **Page S530**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's fiscal year (FY) 2016 Budget and Financial Plan; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (PM-39)

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Messages from the House: Page S486

Measures Referred: Page S486

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S490-S529

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S529

Privileges of the Floor: Page S529

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—15) Pages S471, S473, S474, S475, S477

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S530.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GROUND COMBAT UNITS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the decision to open all ground combat units to women, after receiving testimony from Raymond E. Mabus, Jr., Secretary of the Navy, Patrick J. Murphy, Under Secretary, and General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chief of Staff, both of the Army, and General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

RUSSIA, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on Russia, the European Union, and American foreign policy from Victoria Nuland, As-

stant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

FRONTLINE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM IN AMERICA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine frontline response to terrorism in America, after receiving testimony from Mark Ghilarducci, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Director and Governor's Homeland Security Advisor, Mather; Chief Wallace L. Sparks, Everest Metropolitan Police Department, Weston, Wisconsin; Commissioner William J. Bratton, New York City Police Department, New York, New York; Rhoda Mae Kerr, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Austin, Texas; and Edward F. Davis, III, Edward Davis, LLC, Boston, Massachusetts.

EB-5 REGIONAL CENTER PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of the EB-5 regional center program, including S. 1501, to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation in American communities, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Colucci, Chief, Office of Immigrant Investor Program, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen L. Cohen, Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND THE STATE ACTION DOCTRINE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine occupational licensing and the state action doctrine, after receiving testimony from Jason Furman, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Misha Tseytlin, Wisconsin Solicitor General, Madison; Morris Kleiner, University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minneapolis; Robert Everett Johnson, Institute for Justice, Washington, D.C.; and Bill Main, Segs in the City, Baltimore, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4425–4440; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 110–111; and H. Res. 596–599, were introduced. **Pages H495–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H496–97**

Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3293, to provide for greater accountability in Federal funding for scientific research, to promote the progress of science in the United States that serves that national interest (H. Rept. 114–412);

H.R. 2017, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority to bring proceedings under section 403A, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–413); and

H. Res. 595, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1675) to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefit plans, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 766) to provide requirements for the appropriate Federal banking agencies when requesting or ordering a depository institution to terminate a specific customer account, to provide for additional requirements related to subpoenas issued under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–414). **Page H495**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H435**

Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act: The House passed H.R. 3700, to provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, by a yeand-nay vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 52. **Pages H451–82**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–42 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill. **Pages H459–65**

Agreed to:

Buchanan amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that promotes efficient and accurate ad-

ministration of income reviews and the collection of asset information when determining eligibility for rental assistance, consistent with other means-tested programs; **Pages H465–67**

Maxine Waters (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that removes harmful language that would limit the amount that families receiving certain federal housing assistance can deduct from their income for childcare expenses; **Pages H467–68**

Sewell (AL) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that requires the Secretary of HUD to conduct a study to determine the impacts of the decreased deductions on rents paid by elderly and disabled individuals and families assisted under the Section 8 rental assistance and housing programs; **Page H468**

Hinojosa amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that allows the USDA to assess a nominal fee (maximum of \$50) per loan under the Section 502 single family guaranteed home loan program in order to fund needed technological improvements and investments into the guaranteed underwriting system; **Pages H468–69**

Meng amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that requires HUD to publish model guidelines for minimum heating requirements for units operated by public housing agencies receiving federal assistance; **Pages H469–70**

Welch amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that allows the property taxes paid on mobile homes, insurance payments, utilities and financing to be included as components of the housing costs eligible for Section 8 payments; **Pages H471–72**

Peters amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that inserts a provision for collaborating with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development on how to better coordinate and improve veterans housing services; **Pages H472–73**

Peters amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to reopen the period for public comment for the “Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Continuum of Care Program” to allow stakeholders the opportunity to provide input on how HUD’s resources can be most equitably used to end homelessness in our country; **Page H473**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–411), as modified, that directs the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to work

with the Secretary of Labor to produce an annual report on interagency strategies to strengthen family economic empowerment by linking housing with essential supportive services such as employment counseling and training, financial growth, childcare, transportation, meals, youth recreational activities and other supportive services; prioritizes U.S. citizens and nationals over migrants from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia when receiving federal housing assistance in Guam; **Pages H475–78**

Price (NC) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that updates and modernizes HUD's funding formula for the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program so that funding is distributed to jurisdictions based on living cases of HIV/AIDS; and **Pages H478–79**

Palazzo amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that makes permanent the exception to public housing agency resident board member requirement (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 50). **Pages H470–71, H479–80**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that sought to provide affirmative permission for housing providers who administer U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds to report on-time rental payment data for their tenants to credit reporting agencies without requiring and managing individual written consent agreements; direct HUD to retain tenant privacy so the furnished information would not specifically note that tenants receive HUD assistance; and **Pages H473–74**

Al Green (TX) amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–411) that sought to reauthorize the FHA pilot program to establish an automated process for providing additional credit rating information to help determine creditworthiness for families with insufficient credit histories (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 51).

Pages H474–75, H480–81

H. Res. 594, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3700) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 49, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 48.

Pages H439–441, H450–51

Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act—Presidential Veto: The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 3762, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016, by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 53 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Page H482**

Subsequently, the veto message (H. Doc. 114–91) and the bill were referred to the Committee on the Budget. **Pages H441–450**

Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act: The House passed H.R. 3662, to enhance congressional oversight over the administration of sanctions against certain Iranian terrorism financiers, by a yea-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 54. Consideration began on Wednesday, January 13th.

Pages H482–83

H. Res. 583, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1644), the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 22), and the bill (H.R. 3662), was agreed to on Tuesday, January 12th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia's fiscal year 2016 Budget and Financial Plan—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–96).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H450, H451, H480, H480–81, H481–82, H482, and H482–83. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for fiscal year 2017. The committee's Budget Views and Estimates Letter was approved.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN DIRECT MARKETING—A VIEW FROM THE FIELD

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture and Research held a hearing entitled "Opportunities and Challenges in Direct Marketing—A View from the Field". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN IN 2016: THE EVOLVING SECURITY SITUATION AND U.S. POLICY, STRATEGY, AND POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Afghanistan in 2016: The Evolving Security Situation and U.S. Policy, Strategy, and Posture". Testimony was heard from General John

Campbell, Commander, Operation Resolute Support, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4293, the “Affordable Retirement Advice Protection Act”; and H.R. 4294, the “Strengthening Access to Valuable Education and Retirement Support Act of 2015”. H.R. 4293 and H.R. 4294 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on Eight Energy Infrastructure Bills”. Testimony was heard from Ann F. Miles, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Max Minzner, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Bill Bottiggi, General Manager, Braintree Light and Electric Department; and public witnesses.

STATUS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Status of the Public Safety Broadband Network”. Testimony was heard from David Furth, Deputy Chief Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; and TJ Kennedy, President, First Responder Network Authority.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a business meeting on the Committee’s views and estimates on the budget.

UNSUSTAINABLE FEDERAL SPENDING AND THE DEBT LIMIT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Unsustainable Federal Spending and the Debt Limit”. Testimony was heard from Representatives McClintock and Pocan and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4408, the “National Strategy to Combat Terrorist Travel Act of 2016”; H.R. 4407, the “Counterterrorism Advisory Board Act of 2016”; H.R. 4403, the “Enhancing Overseas Traveler Vetting Act”; H.R. 4402, the “Foreign Fighter Review Act of 2016”; H.R. 4401, the “Amplifying Local Efforts to Root out Terror Act of 2016”; H.R. 4404,

the “Terrorist and Foreign Fighter Travel Exercise Act of 2016”; H.R. 4383, the “DHS Human Trafficking Prevention Act of 2016”; and H.R. 4398, the “DHS Acquisition Documentation Integrity Act of 2016”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4403, H.R. 4383, H.R. 4402, and H.R. 4404. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4408, H.R. 4407, H.R. 4401, and H.R. 4398.

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “FISA Amendments Act”. This hearing was closed.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 1057, the “Promoting Automotive Repair, Trade, and Sales Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3070, the “EEZ Clarification Act”; and H.R. 4245, to exempt importation and exportation of sea urchins and sea cucumbers from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Testimony was heard from Representatives Zeldin; Pingree of Maine; and Poliquin; and Joe Leask, Diver and Chairman, Sea Urchin Zone Council, Maine Department of Marine Resources; William Woody, Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Daniel Morris, Deputy Regional Administrator, Greater Atlantic Region, National Marine Fisheries Service; and public witnesses.

THE NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUERTO RICO FINANCIAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH AUTHORITY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Need for the Establishment of a Puerto Rico Financial Stability and Economic Growth Authority”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 482, the “Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2015”; H.R. 812, the “Indian Trust Asset Management Demonstration Project Act of 2015”; H.R. 890, to correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16; H.R. 894, to extend the authorization of the Highlands

Conservation Act; H.R. 1296, to amend the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to clarify certain settlement terms, and for other purposes; H.R. 1475, the “Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015”; H.R. 1815, the “Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act”; H.R. 2273, to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir; H.R. 2538, the “Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015”; H.R. 2857, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 2880, the “Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act of 2015”; H.R. 3004, to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission; H.R. 3036, the “National 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center Act”; H.R. 3079, to take certain Federal land located in Tuolumne County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 3371, the “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015”; H.R. 3342, to provide for stability of title to certain lands in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4119, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for other purposes.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: INVESTIGATION OF THE CIO

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Education: Investigation of the CIO”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Education officials: Danny A. Harris, Chief Information Officer; Sandra Bruce, Deputy Inspector General; Susan Winchell, Assistant General Counsel for Ethics; and John B. King Jr., Acting Secretary.

SEEKING JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISM IN ISRAEL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Seeking Justice for Victims of Palestinian Terrorism in Israel”. Testimony was heard from Brad Wiegmann, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION CUSTOMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2015; ENCOURAGING EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 766, the “Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1675, “Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1675. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–43 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 766. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–41 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The

rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling and Representatives Ellison and Perlmutter.

PARIS CLIMATE PROMISE: A BAD DEAL FOR AMERICA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Paris Climate Promise: A Bad Deal for America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SBA MANAGEMENT REVIEW: OVERSIGHT OF SBA’S ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Oversight of SBA’s Entrepreneurial Development Offices”. Testimony was heard from Tameka Montgomery, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Administration; and Barb Carson, Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, Small Business Administration.

CHOICE CONSOLIDATION: EVALUATING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Choice Consolidation: Evaluating Eligibility Requirements for Care in the Community”. Testimony was heard from Baligh Yehia, M.D., Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Health for Community Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

REACHING AMERICA’S POTENTIAL: DELIVERING GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AMERICANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reaching America’s Potential: Delivering Growth and Opportunity for All Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine an independent perspective of United States defense policy in the Asia-Pacific region, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings to examine counterterrorism strategy, focusing on understanding ISIL, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine spending on unauthorized programs, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Stream Protection Rule, focusing on impacts on the environment and implications for Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act implementation, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine strains on the European Union, focusing on implications for American foreign policy, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Canada’s fast-track refugee plan, focusing on implications for United States national security, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1125, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, the State of Montana, and the United States, and S. 1983, to authorize the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the substandard quality of Indian health care in the Great Plains, 2:15 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the need for transparency in the asbestos trusts, 10 a.m., SD–226.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, oversight hearing on Assistance to Combat Wildlife Trafficking, 10:30 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

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